



RECREATION &  
RESOURCE INVENTORY



# R E S O U R C E

A goal without a plan is just a wish.

Antoine de Sainte-Exupery (1900-1944)

## Existing State Recreational Facilities

### WALTER CLINE WETZEL STATE PARK

Wetzel State Park is predominately located in Lenox Township in northeast Macomb County. The state began land acquisition in 1969 and the park now totals 913 acres. Wetzel State Recreation Area serves the entire county and surrounding area and is an undeveloped park providing areas for hiking, hunting, snowmobiling and cross-country skiing.

### HARLEY ENSIGN MEMORIAL BOAT LAUNCH

The launch is located on Lake St. Clair at the mouth of the Clinton River in Harrison Township. The ramp is hard surfaced with a courtesy pier for loading and unloading passengers. The MDNR runs the boat launch and can accommodate up to 349 vehicles per day.

### SELFRIDGE BOAT LAUNCH

The Selfridge Boat Launch is located on the northern boundary of Selfridge ANG Base at the eastern terminus of Rosso Highway. This public boat launch is administered by MDNR and provides access to Lake St. Clair. The launch ramp is a hard surface with 151 parking spaces available and a courtesy pier.

## Huron Clinton Metropolitan Authority (HCMA)

The HCMA has 3 major parks within Macomb County.

### METRO BEACH METROPARK

At 770 acres, Metro Beach offers one and one quarter miles of Lake St. Clair frontage. With an annual visitor count of roughly 1.6 million, Metro Beach is one of the most heavily used parks in the region. Amenities include a beach, playgrounds, marina and boat launch, winter fishing, nature center, pavilion, swimming pool, hike/bike trail and an 18-hole, par-3 golf course. The Freedom Trail along Metropolitan Parkway connects into Metro Beach.

### WOLCOTT MILL METROPARK

Wolcott Mill is located, in several separate sections, along the banks of the North Branch of the Clinton River in Ray Township, in north central Macomb County with an area totaling 2,625 acres. Amenities include farm animals, activity building, picnic pavilion, an Historic Grist Mill, Camp Rotary for equestrian use and an 18 hole-golf course, and several miles of equestrian trails.

### STONY CREEK METROPARK

Built around the 497-acre Stony Creek Lake in Macomb County's northwestern rolling terrain, this metro totals 4,461 acres. Amenities include a nature center, 6.2-Mile hike/bike trail, beaches, a boat launch and an 18-hole golf course.

## Southeast Michigan Greenways-Regional Greenways Network

### OVERVIEW

Southeast Michigan Greenways is a vision for a regional greenway network for Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, St. Clair, Washtenaw, and Wayne Counties. It responds to the urgent need for action to identify and preserve regional greenway opportunities before they disappear. Guided by public involvement, the project has developed a bold vision that calls for the creation of a network of greenways - a network that is easily accessible to 4.5 million people. Besides creating the vision, Southeast Michigan Greenways addresses the practical matters needed to implement the vision.



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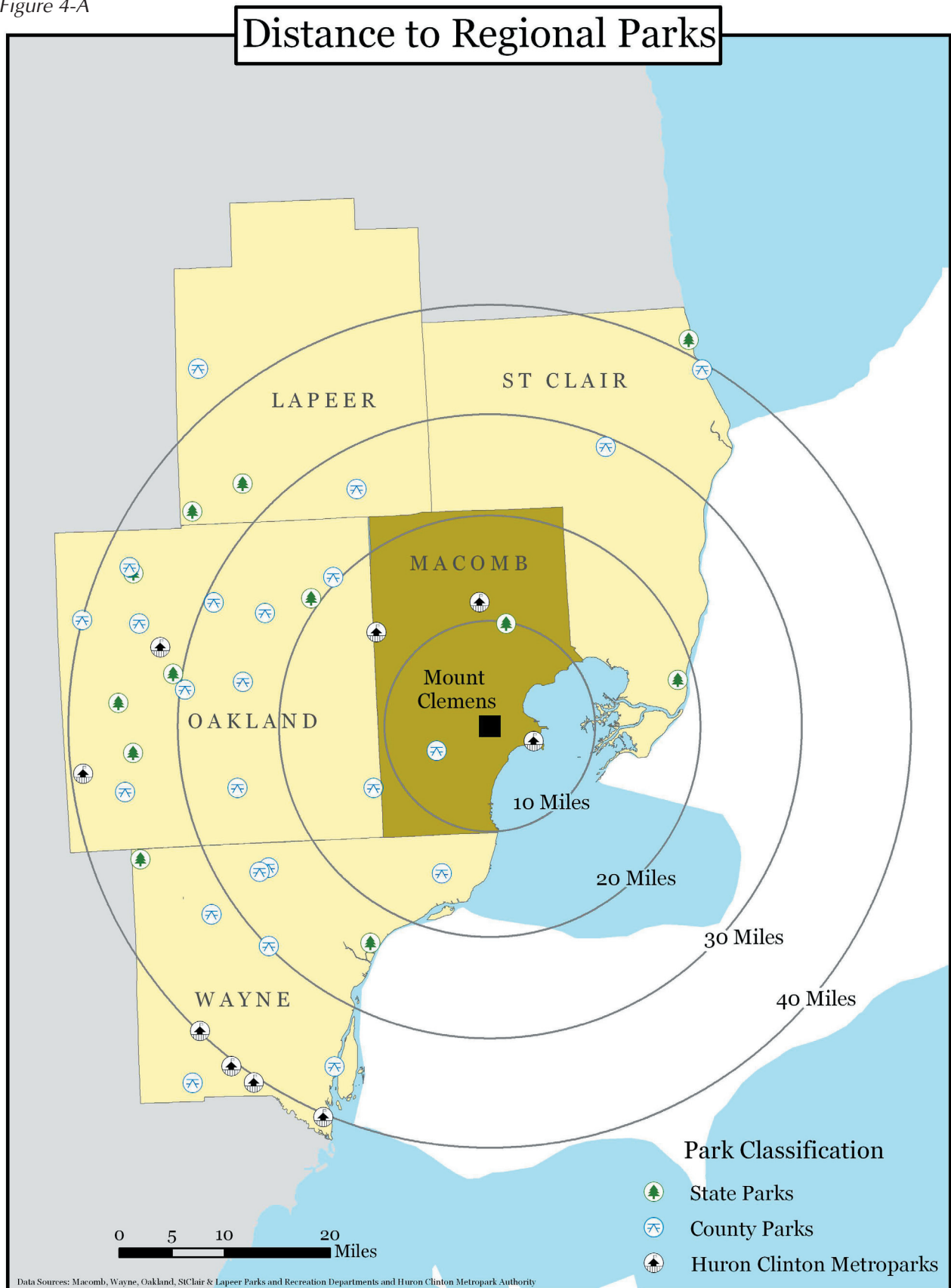




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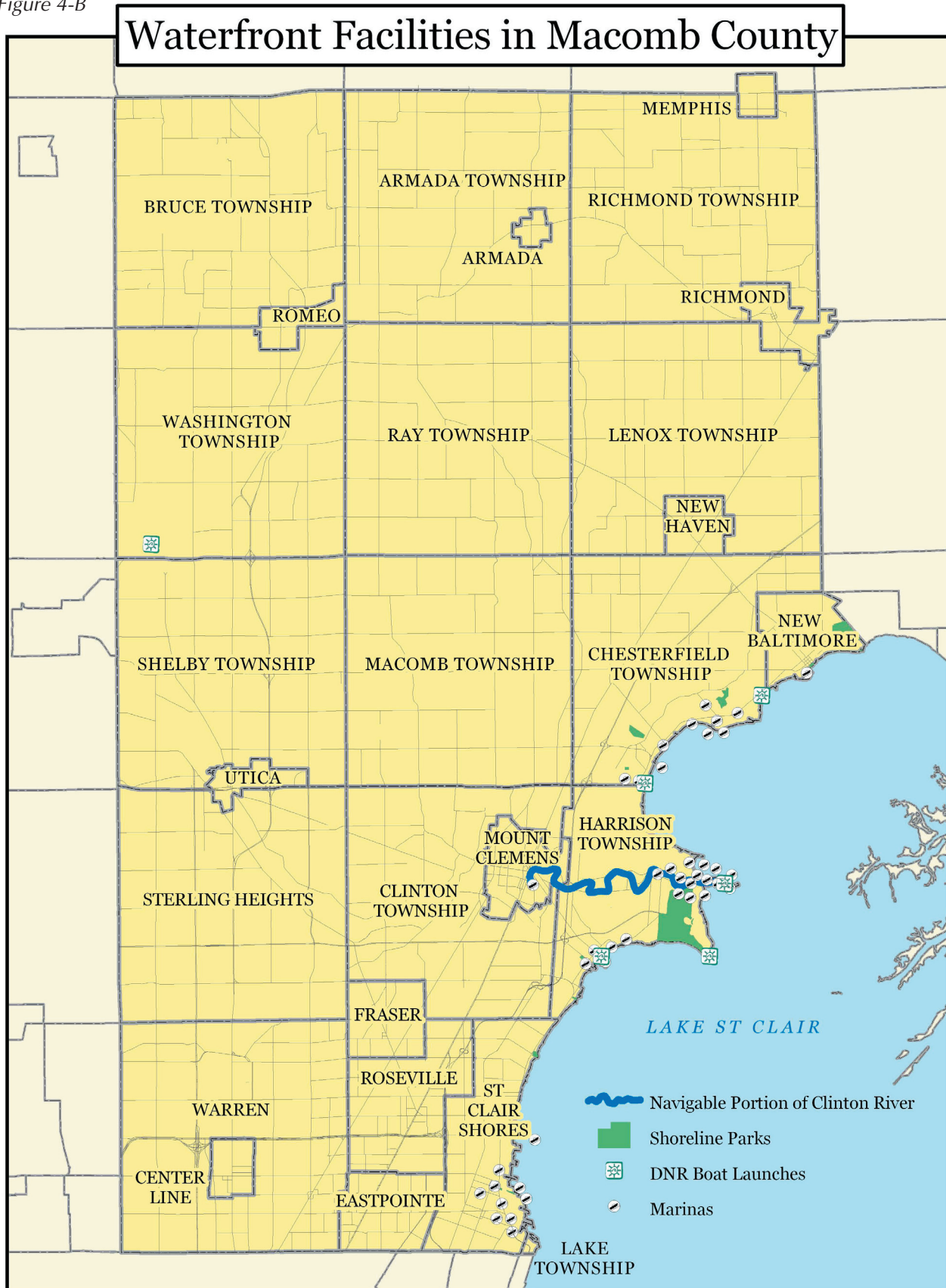


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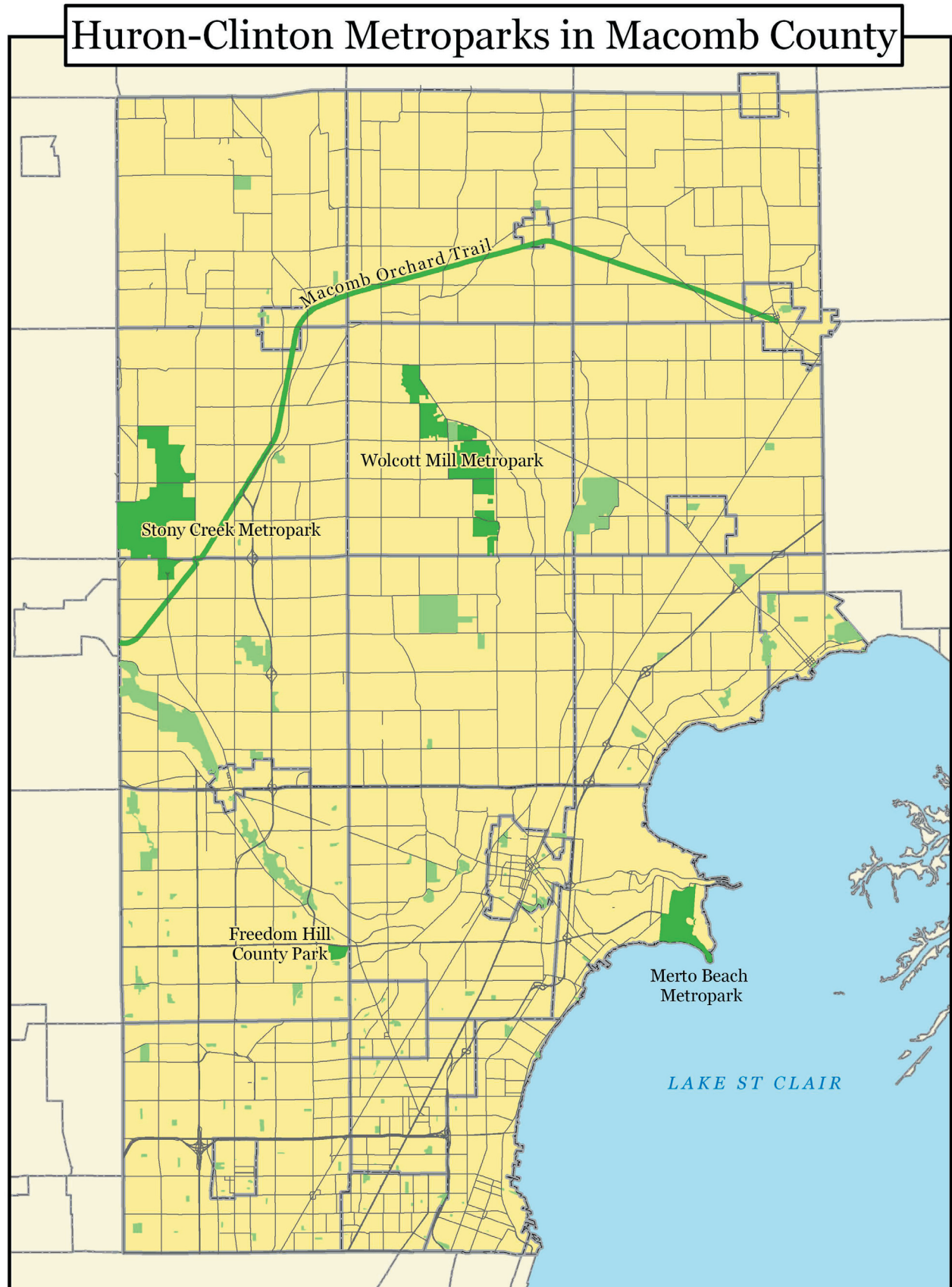
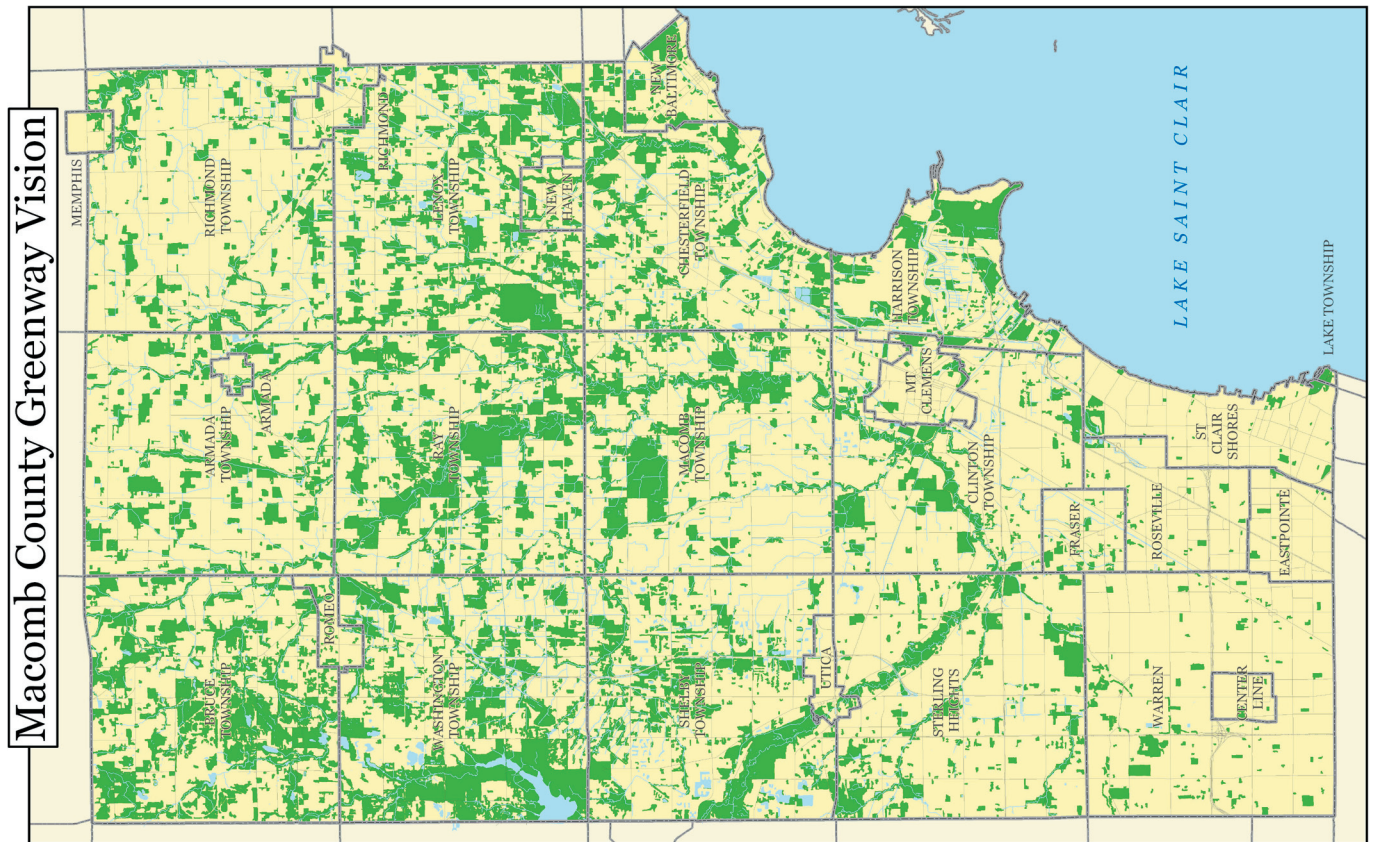








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## Macomb County Parks

### MACOMB COUNTY HIKE/BIKE TRAIL – “FREEDOM TRAIL”

Harrison Township initiated the development of a hike/bike trail, located along Metro Parkway (16 Mile Road) which was a catalyst for the development of a county-wide hike/bike trail system. This regional park was completed in three phases. The hike/bike trail runs 11 Miles, through three municipalities, from Schoenherr Road to Metro Beach Metropark.

#### Accessibility Assessment

Score 4 – the entire park meets accessibility guidelines.

### Macomb Orchard Trail

The Macomb Orchard Trail is a non-motorized path, constructed with-in an abandoned rail corridor, that provides users with a safe transportation and recreation route through northern Macomb County. Phase One (7 miles) was completed in July 2004 in Shelby and Washington Townships. The completed 23.5 Mile route serves as a regional connection between the Clinton River and Paint Creek Trails in Oakland County, through the developing communities of Shelby and Washington Townships and to the rural and agricultural landscapes of Bruce, Armada, and Richmond Townships. The Villages of Romeo, Armada and the City of Richmond are along Phase Two and Three of the trail, which will be completed in 2007. The trail provides places for cyclists, hikers, walkers, runners, horseback riders, inline skaters, cross-country skiers, and physically challenged individuals to exercise and experience the many natural and cultural wonders of the urban, suburban, and rural environments. A secondary parallel equestrian trail is in the Master Plan from east of Powell Road to 1.5 Miles west of the City of Richmond.

#### Accessibility Assessment

Score 4 – the entire park was developed using the general principles of universal design and meet the necessary American Disability Act standards.

### Freedom Hill County Park

Freedom Hill is a 100-acre park located in Sterling Heights. The regional park plays host to special events such as ethnic festivals, markets, auto shows, holiday festivals and boat shows. The festival grounds include a 40'x 60' stage, a 60'x 60' dance shelter and a 120' x 60' pavilion. The Ralph Liberato Independence Hall includes a full kitchen and banquet hall, meeting rooms, indoor and outdoor restroom and admin-

istrative offices. The Armed Forces commemorative displays include a F-4 Jet, Huey Helicopter and a M60 Tank. The Vietnam Memorial dedicated July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2006, features a two sided, granite stone that had 147 names of Macomb County Vietnam Veterans who were killed in war. In addition, Freedom Hill has a bike path, playground, covered picnic areas, and nature trails. Currently, a privately developed and operated outdoor amphitheater is also on the site, hosting a full summer concert series.

#### Accessibility Assessment

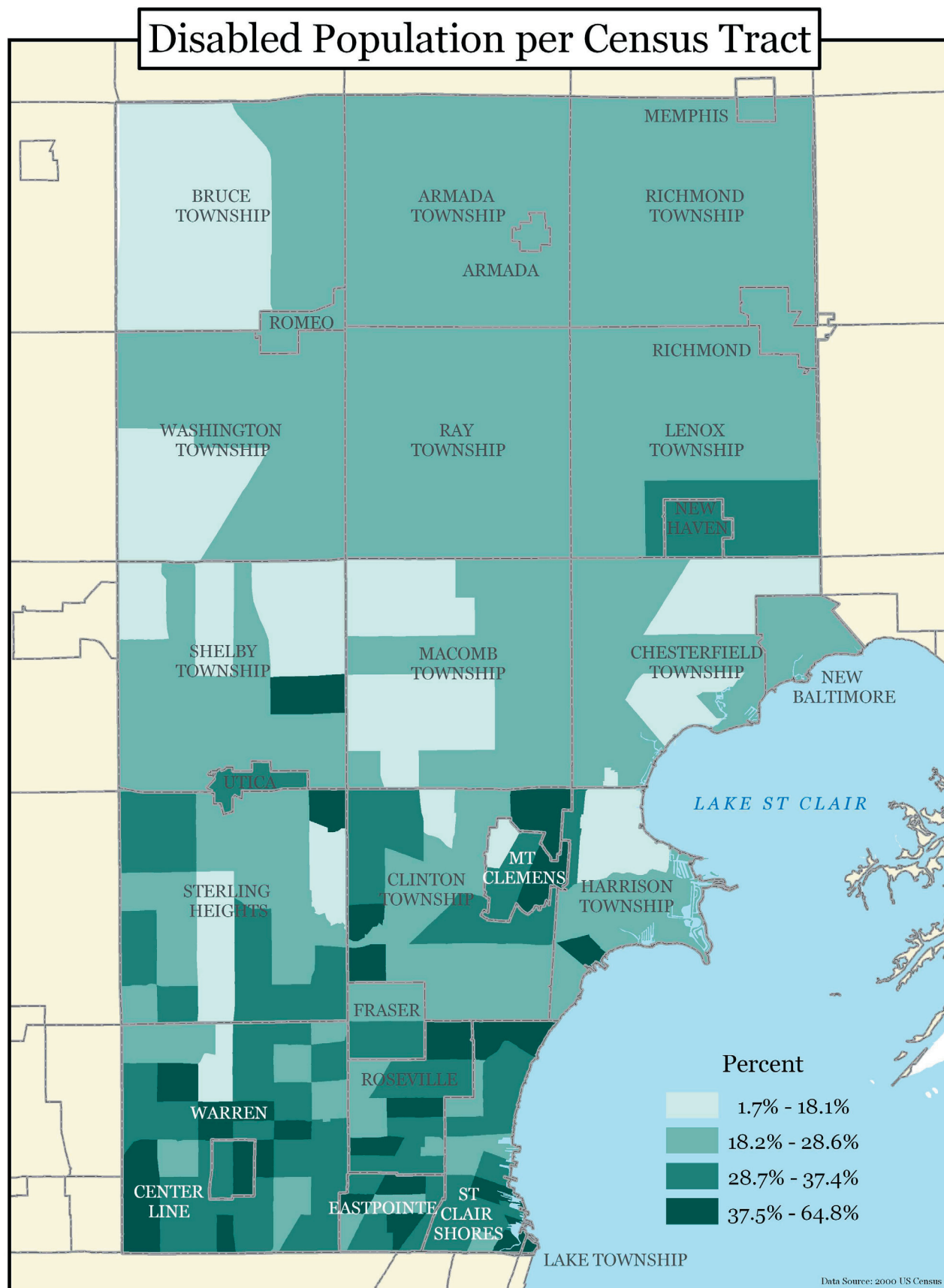
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### ACCESSIBILITY GUIDELINES

Each county park's accessibility status was evaluated by Macomb County in a field study in August 2006. A ranking of one to five was assigned according to the MDNR guideline scoring as stated below:

1. None of the facilities/park areas meet the guidelines
2. Some of the facilities/park areas meet the guidelines
3. Most of the facilities/park areas meet the guidelines
4. Entire park meets guidelines
5. Entire park was developed/renovated using principals of universal design

Figure 4-F





<b>List of Local Municipal Parks in Macomb County</b>		
<b>Name of Park</b>	<b>Acreage</b>	<b>Municipality</b>
Armada Township Park	24	Armada
Armada Memorial	0.9	Armada Village
Crystal Diamonds	28.2	Bruce Township
Orchard Hills	4.7	Bruce Township
Dale Park	0.4	Center Line
City Park	6.9	Center Line
Memorial Park	21.4	Center Line
Recreation Center	14.8	Center Line
Kramer Homes Playground	4.8	Center Line
Lions Park	2.5	Center Line
Rotery Park	3.4	Center Line
Bertha M. Pollard Park	128	Chesterfield
Salt River Marsh	55	Chesterfield
Community Center	4.8	Chesterfield
Connie Bowles Memorial Park	20.4	Chesterfield
Beebe Park & Jackson Davidson Memorial	31.4	Richmond
Bailey Park	2.9	Richmond
Gierk Street Park	0.9	Richmond
Grand Park	10.9	Utica
Clinton River Heritage Park	7	Utica
Robert H. Steiner Park	29.8	Clinton
Tomlinson	12.3	Clinton
Civic Center Park	97.1	Clinton
Canal Park	10.6	Clinton
Frank H. Budd Park	45.8	Clinton
Neil Reid Park	5.6	Clinton
Prince Drewry Park	9.3	Clinton
Webster Street Park	0.6	Clinton
Memorial Park	21.1	Eastpointe
Kennedy Park	18.1	Eastpointe
Spindler Park	20.5	Eastpointe
Roxana Park	2.5	Eastpointe
Shamrock Park	2.9	Eastpointe
Rein Park	1.2	Eastpointe
Fairlane Park	1.9	Eastpointe
Goetz Park	0.6	Eastpointe
Mulvey Park	5.2	Fraser
Rambling Lane Park	1.5	Fraser
Harrington Trails Park	4.5	Fraser
Steffens Park	22.6	Fraser

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Boris Park	0.9	Fraser
Pompo Park	3.1	Fraser
Somerset Park	0.8	Fraser
McKinley Park	5.4	Fraser
Reindel Park	4	Fraser
Trombley Park	2.8	Harrison Township
Tuckar Park	10.8	Harrison Township
Waterfront Park	3.9	Harrison Township
Township Park Site	29.4	Lenox
Pine Meadow Park	5	Memphis
Musical Park	5	Memphis
Old School Park	0.4	Memphis
Memorial Park	7.5	Mount Clemens
Dorothea-Leonore Park	0.9	Mount Clemens
Memorial Park	35.3	Mount Clemens
Crains Athletic Field	5.7	Mount Clemens
Clemens Park	0.7	Mount Clemens
Rotary Park	0.2	Mount Clemens
McArthur Park	2.2	Mount Clemens
Clinton River Park	1.7	Mount Clemens
Wilson Park	2.1	Mount Clemens
Lawndale Park	2.1	Mount Clemens
King Park	8.1	Mount Clemens
Oxford Drive Nature Area	19.2	Mount Clemens
Walter Olsen Park	4.5	Mount Clemens
Shadyside Park	27.7	Mount Clemens
Behnke Park	.4	Mount Clemens
Brady-Reginald Park	1.5	New Baltimore
Ruedisale Point Park	2.5	New Baltimore
Waterfront Park	5.3	New Baltimore
New Haven Village Park	35.4	New Haven
Downtown New Haven Park	0.5	New Haven
Camp Rotary	82.6	Ray Township
Romeo Community Center	17.3	Romeo
Memorial Field	10.5	Romeo
Thomas Dooley Park	11.1	Roseville
Rotary Park	5	Roseville
Lions Park	6.3	Roseville
Kiwanis Park	2.9	Roseville
Memorial Park	14.7	Roseville

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Packard Park	0.7	Roseville
Macomb Gardens	5.7	Roseville
Mae Stacker	15.4	Shelby
Cherry Creek Golf Course	242.7	Shelby
Community Center & Lions Club Soccer	9.5	Shelby
Holland Ponds Park	387.8	Shelby
Lombardo Park	39.9	Shelby
Woodall Park	769.2	Shelby
Whispering Woods Park	46.1	Shelby
Kyte Monroe Park	32.3	St. Clair Shores
Veterans' Memorial Park	12.7	St. Clair Shores
Gaffke Park	3.8	St. Clair Shores
Lac Sainte Clair Park	0.7	St. Clair Shores
Wahby Park	3	St. Clair Shores
Heath Blossom Park	6	St. Clair Shores
Kaufman Park	2.2	St. Clair Shores
Frederick Park	3	St. Clair Shores
Welsh Park	1	St. Clair Shores
Herman Brys Park	18.2	St. Clair Shores
Plumbrook Nature Preserve	96.6	Sterling Heights
Hadley Park	2.4	Sterling Heights
Island Park	9.3	Sterling Heights
North Clinton Rover Park	100	Sterling Heights
Nature Center	7.3	Sterling Heights
College Park	9.9	Sterling Heights
Dodge Park	180	Sterling Heights
Fairview Park	4.5	Sterling Heights
Jos. J. Delia Jr. Park	115	Sterling Heights
Washington Square Park	8	Sterling Heights
Clinton River Park Eat	41	Sterling Heights
Franklin Park	8.1	Sterling Heights
Hampton Park	12.6	Sterling Heights
Wolf Park	10.8	Sterling Heights
Fairfield Park	3.3	Sterling Heights
Arlingdale Park	7.1	Sterling Heights
Imus Park	10.2	Sterling Heights
Meadowview Park	8.3	Sterling Heights
Carpathia Park	5.7	Sterling Heights
Magnolia Park	16.2	Sterling Heights
Family Park	11.1	Sterling Heights



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Name of Park	Acreage	Municipality
Chapelle Park	10.7	Sterling Heights
James C. Nelson Park	32.5	Sterling Heights
L.W. Baumgartner Park	54.7	Sterling Heights
Red Run	13.9	Sterling Heights
Moravian Park	12.9	Sterling Heights
Puffin Park	3.9	Sterling Heights
Beaver Creek Park	21.4	Sterling Heights
Avis Park	13.5	Sterling Heights
Ted Bates Park	8.5	Warren
Arthur J. Miller Park	11.4	Warren
George P. Eckstein Park	14.1	Warren
Norman Halmich Park	68.3	Warren
Frank J. Licht Park	7.7	Warren
Louis Burdi Park	8	Warren
Leo G. Rinke	11.8	Warren
Clarence A. McGrath Park	8.5	Warren
Oscar Hartsig Park	10.7	Warren
Veterans' Memorial Park	20.8	Warren
Thomas L. Butcher Park	13.3	Warren
Rentz Park	3.5	Warren
Joseph W. Trombley Park	12	Warren
Clarence Steinhouser Park	7.8	Warren
Busse Park	9.8	Warren
Jaycee Park	4	Warren
Austin-Dannis Park	9.3	Warren
Eugene B. Groesbeck Park	4.8	Warren
Anthony F. Winters Park	5.9	Warren
William Shaw Park	39.7	Warren
Frank Wiegand Park	13.1	Warren
Nicholas W. Altermatt Park	2.6	Warren
Orba Underwood ark	6.8	Warren
Barnabo Field	39.6	Washington
Washington Township Park	8	Washington
<b>Total acreage of local parks</b>	<b>3875.3</b>	<b>Macomb County</b>

## Recreation Grant History

**PROJECT TITLE: DOLLIER-GALINEE COUNTY PARK  
(NOW FREEDOM HILL)**

**PROJECT NUMBER: 26-00730**

**PROJECT YEAR: 1976**

**PROJECT STATUS: CLOSED**

Grant funds were used for parking, play equipment, landscaping, a basketball and volleyball court, lighting and an amphitheater. The elements that still exist are in good shape. Some have since been renovated to meet modern ADA standards, while others such play equipment, basketball and volleyball courts and the amphitheater no longer exist.

**PROJECT TITLE: DOLLIER-GALINEE COUNTY PARK  
(NOW FREEDOM HILL)**

**PROJECT NUMBER: 26-00871**

**PROJECT YEAR: 1977**

**PROJECT STATUS: CLOSED**

Grant funds were used for a comfort station, access road, shelter, landscaping, pavilion/shelter, and entrance road paving. The comfort station and shelter are still heavily used today and are well maintained. The access roads have improved accessibility for the park.

**PROJECT TITLE: MACOMB COUNTY BIKE TRAIL**

**PROJECT NUMBER: BF91-372**

**PROJECT YEAR: 1991**

**PROJECT STATUS: CLOSED**

Grant Funds were used for the hike/bike trail, signage, electrical lighting, and a bridge. All of the elements are still in good condition.

**PROJECT TITLE: COUNTY PARK DEVELOPMENT (FREEDOM HILL)**

**PROJECT NUMBER: BF92-062**

**PROJECT YEAR: 1992**

**PROJECT STATUS: CLOSED**

Grant Funds paid for a cover between two shelters, a parking lot, amphitheater stage cover, restroom expansion, walkway, walkway lights (4), landscaping, fencing, a drinking fountain, and plaza additions. All elements are still well maintained.

PROJECT TITLE: **BRUCE TOWNSHIP SPORTS COMPLEX**

PROJECT NUMBER: **BF93-212**

PROJECT YEAR: **1993**

PROJECT STATUS: **CLOSED**

Grant Funds were used for three baseball fields, soccer fields, and a parking lot. All are still well maintained.

PROJECT TITLE: **FREEDOM HILL RESTROOM BUILDING ADDITION AND  
PLAYSCAPE**

PROJECT NUMBER: **CM99-371**

PROJECT YEAR: **1999**

PROJECT STATUS: **CLOSED**

Grant funds were used for restrooms, a room addition, play equipment, and building entrance renovations. All projects are still functional and well maintained.

PROJECT TITLE: **MACOMB ORCHARD TRAIL ACQUISITION**

PROJECT NUMBER: **TF02-166**

PROJECT YEAR: **2002**

PROJECT STATUS: **CLOSED**

Grant funds were used to acquire 182 acres (abandoned rail corridor) for the Macomb Orchard Trail. Phase One of the trail construction was completed in June 2004 and is 7.5 Miles long in Shelby and Washington Township. Phases Two and Three are scheduled to be completed in summer 2007. The total length of the Macomb Orchard Trail is 23.5 Miles.